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**Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)**

The amendment filed on 3/19/03 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121, as amended on September 8, 2000 (see 65 Fed. Reg. 54603, Sept. 8, 2000, and 1238 O.G. 77, Sept. 19, 2000). In order for the amendment to be compliant, applicant must supply the following omissions or corrections in response to this notice.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE REQUIRED FOR COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 1.121 (APPLICANT NEED NOT RE-SUBMIT THE ENTIRE AMENDMENT):

- ☒ 1. A clean version of the replacement paragraph(s)/section(s) is required. See 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(ii).
- ☒ 2. A marked-up version of the replacement paragraph(s)/section(s) is required. See 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(iii).
- ☒ 3. A clean version of the amended claim(s) is required. See 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(i).
- ☒ 4. A marked-up version of the amended claim(s) is required. See 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii).

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

(LIE: Please provide specific details for correction to assist the applicant. For example, "the clean version of claim 6 is missing.")

For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP § 714 and the USPTO website at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/dcom/olia/pbg/sampleaf.pdf>. **A condensed version of a sample amendment format is attached.**

☐ **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT:** Unless applicant **supplies the omission or correction** to the preliminary amendment in compliance with revised 37 CFR 1.121 noted above within ONE MONTH of the mail date of this letter, examination on the merits may commence without entry of the originally proposed preliminary amendment. This notice is not an action under 35 U.S.C. 132, and this ONE MONTH time limit is not extendable.

☒ **AMENDMENT AFTER NON-FINAL ACTION:** Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the mailing of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to **supply the omission or correction noted above** in order to **avoid abandonment**. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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Legal Instruments Examiner (LIE)

Appl. No. XX/YYYY,YYY  
Amdt. dated Jan. 15, 2004  
Reply to Office action of Oct. 16, 2003

**SAMPLE FORMAT FOR REVISED AMENDMENT PRACTICE (Rev. 2/03)**

Appl. No. : XX/YYYY,YYY  
Applicant : James Q. Inventor  
Filed : April 19, 2003  
Title : Bucket with Handle  
  
TC/A.U. : 1744  
Examiner : John Doe  
  
Docket No. : 12345/JAS/R758

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Washington DC 20231

**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office action of October 16, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 4 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- In the construction of the bucket of this invention, various materials have been selected ~~and~~ which offer a number of diverse properties and allow for varied functions of the article. For caustic solutions, the bucket can be made of a durable ~~polymer~~ plastic material. Where an aesthetic appeal is desired, the bucket can be any ~~of one~~ of many attractive colors. The following listing of properties serves to define possible uses for the buckets.—

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph ending on line 20 of page 6:

-- An optional feature of the articles of the invention is the addition of a tetrafluoroethylene coating to the bucket to provide protection from any contents which might be caustic. The coating can be provided to the surface during the manufacturing process or can be added in a later step.--

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (original): A bucket with a black handle.

Claim 6 (original): A bucket of claim 5 wherein the handle is metal.

Claim 7 (withdrawn)

Claim 8 (currently amended): A bucket made of yellow green plastic.

Claim 9 (previously amended): A bucket made of aluminum-coated galvanized metal.

Claim 10 (previously added): A bucket having a circumferential upper lip.

Claim 11 (new): A plastic bucket having a blue handle.